

AUTISM SUPPORTS IN VERMONT

- 1. What systems or departments pay for or provide services to individuals with autism across the lifespan (from birth through adulthood)?*

Agency of Human Services resources for autism services

Department for Children and Families

Program: **Family, Infant and Toddler Program**

Eligibility: Children birth – 3 years old with or at high risk for developmental delays

Entitlement to:

- Child find
- Timely evaluation
- Individualized Family Service Plan

Sources of funding:

- Part C funds, (payer of last resort after federal, state, local and private funds)
- Medicaid/private insurance
- Other resources for services include:
 - Healthy babies, kids and families
 - Maternal Child Health
 - Children with Special Health Needs
 - Early childhood mental health services
 - Early Head Start

Current number of children with ASD served: 64 at some point in the twelve months preceding 10/31/07. Estimated 32 for full year and 32 for and average of half of the year.

Average cost per child: Estimated - \$31, 699 full year, \$15,850 ½ year (\$23,775 per child)

Current expenditures: Estimated - \$1,521,568

Projected costs for FY12: \$2,282,352

Program: **CUPS (Children's Upstream Services)**

Eligibility: children under 6 with emotional/behavior difficulties

Entitlement: no

Services provided:

- access to information and referral,
- direct intervention with children and families,
- parenting education,
- interagency staff training, and
- consultation for early care and education providers.

Source of funding: Medicaid

Current number of children with ASD served: 24 in FY07

Average cost per child: \$6,000 estimate for FY07.

Current expenditures: Estimated - \$144,000 in FY07

Projected costs for FY12: \$216,000

Program: **Foster Care/Residential placements**

Eligibility: Children in State custody

Entitlement: no

Services provided:

- foster care
- residential services
- adoption
- respite for foster homes

Current number of children with ASD served: Information not available.

Average cost per child: Information not available.

Current expenditures: Information not available.

Projected costs for FY12: Information not available.

Department of Health

Program: **Children with Special Health Needs**

Eligibility: children, ages 0-21, with complex health conditions

Entitlement: no

Services provided:

- clinic services, including evaluation and diagnosis, health monitoring and care coordination
- nutrition services
- respite care
- financial assistance

Source of funding: Sliding fee scale based upon income, insurance

Current number of children with ASD served: Information not available.

Average cost per child: Information not available.

Current expenditures: Information not available.

Projected costs for FY12: Information not available.

Program: **Children's Mental Health**

Eligibility: children aged 0-22 with diagnosed mental health disorder

Entitlement: No

Services provided:

- Immediate Crisis Response
- Clinic-based and Outreach Treatment
- Family Support
- Prevention, Screening, Referral and Community Consultation
- Emergency/Hospital Diversion Beds, Intensive Residential Services
- Hospital Inpatient Services
- Specialized Autism Collaborative Services between mental health and local school systems (Medicaid and education dollars)

Source of funding: Medicaid, private insurance, private funds

Current number of children with ASD served: 309 in FY07

Average cost per child: \$22,249 for FY07

(\$37,123 for 128 children at the three agencies who have autism collaboratives, \$7,491 for 170 children served in agencies who don't have autism collaboratives)

\$827,408 for 10 children on waivers or in residential

Current expenditures: \$6,852,737

\$4,751,787 for 3 agencies that have autism collaboratives

\$1,273,541 for those that don't

(data from success beyond six study group shows 3 autism collaboratives spending \$3,534,941)

Projected costs for FY12: \$10,279,105

Program: **Adult Mental Health**

Eligibility: people, age 18 and up with a wide range of emotional, behavioral and other mental health problems

Entitlement: No

Services provided:

- Service Planning & Coordination
- Community Supports
- Employment Services
- Respite
- Clinical Interventions
- Consultation, Education & Advocacy
- Crisis Services
- Housing & Home Supports
- Transportation
- Partial Hospitalization
- Day Service

Source of funding: Medicaid, private insurance, private funds

Current number of adults with ASD served: 46 in FY07

Average cost per person: Not available

Current expenditures: Not available

Projected costs for FY12: Not available

Department of Aging and Independent Living

Program: Developmental Services

Eligibility: persons, all ages, with developmental disabilities (MR or PDD), significant adaptive behavior deficits and onset prior to age 18.

Entitlement: No

Services provided:

- Service planning and coordination
- Community supports
- Employment supports
- Home supports
- Respite
- Clinical intervention
- Crisis services
- Guardianship
- Flexible family funding

Source of funding: Medicaid, Medicaid waiver, state funds

Current number of individuals with ASD served: 316 in FY07

Average cost per person: \$47,849 (estimate based on average annual waiver cost for DS services)

Current expenditures: \$15,120,284 estimate

Projected costs for FY12: \$22,680,426

Program: Children's Personal Care Services

Eligibility: Medicaid eligible children, ages 0-21, with significant disability or health condition that affects care giving or development of personal care skills.

Entitlement: yes, for Medicaid eligible children, including through Katie Beckett

Services provided:

- Individual assistance with activities of daily living.

Source of funding: Medicaid

Current number of children with ASD served: The program does not collect data by diagnosis, so an exact count is not available. However, the Department of Education annual child count of children receiving special education indicates that 582 children ages 3-21 have a ASD diagnosis. The majority of these children are eligible and are likely receiving Personal Care Services.

Average cost per child: Information not available by diagnosis. The average cost per child for children with all disabilities is \$9,167 in FY07.

Current expenditures: estimated \$5,335,194

Projected costs for FY12: \$8,002,791

Program: **Vocational Rehabilitation**

Eligibility: a person with a disability that is a barrier to working and requires VR services to attain or maintain employment, including high school students of transition age.

Entitlement: no

Services provided:

- Vocational counseling
- Job placement
- Benefits counseling
- Transportation
- Occupational tools. Licenses and equipment
- Vocational and post-secondary training costs
- Assistive technology evaluations
- Health restorations, etc

Source of funding: Federal and state funds

Current number of individuals with ASD served: 137 in FY07

Average cost per person: \$9,383 – estimate based on FY06 per person cost, not based upon diagnosis.

Current expenditures: \$1,285,471

Projected costs for FY12: \$1,928,207